

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY



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Dale Desnoyers, Director Division of Environmental Remediation New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

Dear Mr. Desnoyers:

Enclosed please find the Superfund State Contract ("SSC") for the Old Roosevelt Field Contaminated Groundwater Area Superfund site ("Site"). As you know, SSCs provide the primary state assurances required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act, 42 U.S.C. Sections 9601-9675, concerning several matters such as provision of the State's share of the costs of remedial action at a Superfund site, responsibility for future operation and maintenance, and provision of off-site disposal facilities, if needed. Such documents also provide language to govern other aspects of the Superfund program that are anticipated to involve some degree of State/EPA cooperation and communication.

The SSC for the Site covers the Task I remedial action construction of the groundwater treatment system and the Task II long-term response action (LTRA) of the treatment system. Under this SSC, the State cost share total is \$1,094,200, of which \$495,000 is for Task I and \$599,200 is for Task II.

Your office has requested that, for purposes of contract management, EPA provide an estimate of the contract start and completion dates and an estimate of when the State's operation and maintenance responsibilities will begin. The contract start date is the date that the contract is executed, which will occur when it has been signed by the appropriate State representatives. We estimate that this SSC will be executed by September 22, 2008. We estimate that the LTRA associated with the groundwater extraction and treatment system at the Site will start on September 30, 2011 (anticipated date of the issuance of the Interim Remedial Action Report) and will be completed by September 30, 2021(ten year term of contract). Please note Section F. of the SSC, "Duration," which states that the SSC shall remain in effect until the financial settlement of the cost of this project and final reconciliation of response costs have been completed. Therefore, the estimated date of completion of this LTRA is not the actual date of contract completion. We estimate that the financial settlement will occur shortly after September 30, 2021. The State's responsibility for operation and maintenance will not commence until the completion of the LTRA for the groundwater extraction and treatment system. For your planning

purposes only we have estimated that date to be October 1, 2021. See Paragraph E.2.b of the SSC regarding how the actual completion date of the groundwater extraction and treatment system will be determined.

Six copies of this SSC were sent to Mr. Chitibabu Vasudevan, NYSDEC, under separate cover, for signature. Each copy shall be deemed an original, and each signatory should retain one copy of the contract. Please forward one copy of the executed contract to this office for our records.

I look forward to the prompt execution of the SSC so that the above-described remedial actions at this Superfund Site can progress in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

George Pavlou, Acting Director

Emergency and Remedial Response Division

Enclosures

ce: C. Vasudevan, NYSDEC (w/ 6 original SSCs)

M. Cruden, NYSDEC (w/o enclosure)

D. Weigel, NYSDEC (w/o enclosure)

bcc: L. Davis, ORC (w/ enclosure)

- C. Kwan, ERRD (w/ enclosure)
- S. Badalamenti, ERRD (w/ enclosure)
- D. Garbarini, ERRD (w/ enclosure)
- L. Peterson, ERRD (w/ enclosure)
- A. Macaluso, FMB (w/ enclosure)